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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Environmental Stewardship

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. Purpose. This memorandum implements the CG, USAREUR/7A, environmental vision and fully integrates mission requirements and base operations into a single environmental management system (EMS) for the Army in Europe. The policy in this memorandum provides integrated guidance for sustainable environmental management.

2. Applicability. This policy applies to USAREUR and IMA-Europe personnel and all tenant organizations in the European theater.

3. General. The USAREUR mission as a forward-based land force is to demonstrate National resolve and strategic leadership by assuring stability and security, and leading joint and combined forces to support combatant commanders. The IMA-Europe mission is to provide for the equitable, effective, and efficient management of Army installations in the European theater to support mission readiness and execution; help ensure the well-being of Soldiers, civilians, and family members; improve infrastructure; and preserve the environment. Environmental stewardship is critical to the ability to execute both of these missions.

4. Responsibilities.

a. The Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC), with the Chief of the IMA-Europe Engineer Division as lead, is responsible for program oversight of the joint USAREUR and IMA-Europe EMS. Environmental stewardship, however, is also the responsibility of every member of the workforce as well as tenants and residents. Installation-management operations at all levels must promote this concept.

b. Commands and other organizations in the European theater will—

(1) Consider the effect that planned activities and operations may have on the environment and document these considerations. Activities and operations that may affect the environment must be brought to the attention of the installation environmental management office to assess the effects.

(2) Ensure that permitted activities and operations are accomplished strictly according to permit requirements (NATO SOFA SA, Art 53A, para 3).

(3) Clean up contaminated sites as quickly as resources and applicable policy allow.

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(4) Continue to maintain a positive relationship with regulators, other Government agencies, and the local host-nation community.

(5) Identify and implement initiatives to prevention pollution. This includes—

(a) Finding ways to minimize or eliminate the release of pollutants into the air, water, earth, and its inhabitants.

(b) Reducing the creation of waste, especially hazardous waste, through the efficient use of materials, effective inventory management, and careful planning.

(c) Using safe and responsible methods to dispose of waste.

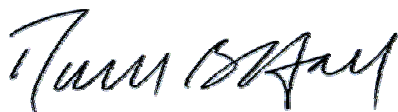
(6) Manage natural resources to prevent resource degradation, and make every effort to use energy sources that are environmentally safe and sustainable. Leaders are encouraged to invest in improved, energy-efficient equipment and conserve energy in all operations.

(7) Ensure that subordinate activities comply with applicable environmental legislation, regulations, and policy set forth by the Department of Defense and the United States Army as outlined in the USAREUR Regulation 200-1.

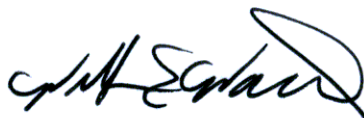
c. The EQCC will help review and update the EMS periodically to ensure its continued improvement. This review will concentrate on the status of environmental objectives and targets identified by the EMS and environmental policy. In addition, the EQCC will direct that environmental surveillance be conducted if needed to ensure compliance.

5. Summary. We are fully committed to continually improving the EMS and to implementing this policy throughout the European theater.

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